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Analytical compilation of the comments received in pursuance of paragraph 3 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1990/45 on the rights of persons belonging to national, ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities

1. As of 18 February 1991, in addition to the comments contained in E/CN.4/1991/52 and Addendum 1, the following State had also submitted its comments: Ecuador.

Ecuador

2. The Ecuadorian Government's main comment on this subject is that it would be desirable to include in the draft declaration, either as article 5, paragraph 4, or as an additional paragraph in that article, the concept that is embodied in article 29, paragraph 1, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to the effect that any person identified with a minority also has duties to the national community to which he belongs, because it is in that community alone that the free and full development of his personality is possible.

3. The addition of a paragraph of this nature is desirable because nowhere in the draft text is there any reference to reciprocal duty to the community in general, which is now required to provide special facilities to the minorities mentioned in the declaration, if necessary, by means of special legal provisions.